

Appendix C:
Estimated Number of Mature and Aged Adults Below Poverty, Selected Years 1985-2020

Status and Age Group	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2020	% change 1995-2005
Low Earnings Workers								
45-49 yr olds	2.4 million	3.0 million	3.8 million	4.3 million	4.8 million	4.8 million	4.1 million	26.3%
50-54 yr olds	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.5	3.9	4.3	3.9	39.3
55-59 yr olds	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.8	3.2	3.6	47.4
60-64 yr olds	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.3	36.4
65-69 yr olds	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.0
70 and older	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	20.0
Below Poverty								
45-49 yr olds	1.0 million	1.1 million	1.4 million	1.6 million	1.8 million	1.8 million	1.6 million	28.6%
50-54 yr olds	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6	36.4
55-59 yr olds	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7	44.4
60-64 yr olds	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.5	57.1
65-69 yr olds	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.6	11.1
70 and older	2.3	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.4	4.3	17.9
Economically Disadvantaged								
45-49 yr olds	1.4 million	1.7 million	2.1 million	2.4 million	2.7 million	2.6 million	2.3 million	28.6%
50-54 yr olds	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.4	43.8
55-59 yr olds	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.8	3.1	50.0
60-64 yr olds	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.6	3.0	20.0
65-69 yr olds	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.7	0.0
70 and older	2.8	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	5.1	8.6

Source: Urban Institute calculations based on BLS and SSA data and projections. Low earnings workers are those earning less than \$15,000 annually (1993 dollars). Economically disadvantaged estimates for 1990 are from Pamela Loprest and Burt Barnow, "Estimating the Universe of

Eligibles for Selected ETA Programs,” Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute, October 1993; with calculations for subsequent years based on extrapolations.